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For: METHODS OF TREATING PRION DISEASE IN MAMMALS

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In the Office Action dated July 24, 2003, Applicants are required to elect one of the species of alleged unrelated diseases referred to as prion diseases.

Applicants hereby elect the Species, **Scrapie** for further examination in the present application. Claims 9-11 read on this Species. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the invention of all other Species, if necessary, in a divisional(s) application, if no generic claim is allowed.

The Examiner states that no claims are generic. Applicants disagree. Applicants submit that claim 1 reads on all species. All species have a common

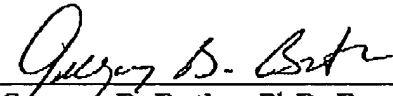
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feature relating to the consequent aggregation of prion proteins upon the conversion of PrP^C into PrP^{Sc}.

An early examination and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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